

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 19, 32, 40, 51, 53, 60, 69, 70, and 71 consistent with the proposed Examiner's Amendment on page 2 of the Final Office Action and cancel claims 2, 4, 8, 15, 21, 23-25, 33, 35, 38, 39, 42, 44, 48, 52, 57-59, 64-68, and 72 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17, 19, 22, 26-30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 43, 45-47, 49-51, 53-56, 60-53, and 69-71 are currently pending.

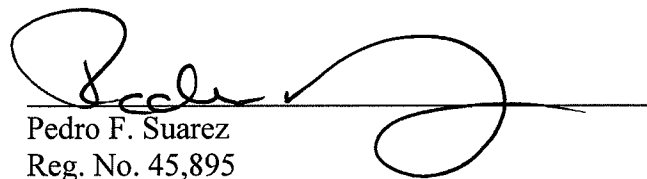
During a telephonic interview on October 6, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the proposed Examiner's Amendment would render the pending claims allowable over the cited references of record and yield an immediate allowance. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17, 19, 22, 26-30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 43, 45-47, 49-51, 53-56, 60-53, and 69-71 are allowable over the art of record, and the rejections of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional claim fees and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 39700-530001US/NC17189US. If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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